

going to show that we have some confidence in an individual and in the American farm system. I think we would restore some of the equity value of the real estate and thereby could contribute toward turning the thing around. I would have to say this, at the present time those of us who are in agriculture do not see the reasons for that kind of confidence, but that in itself would be a big help. So I would hope that before you speak too disparagingly of this bill, remember the reason why it was introduced, remember the reason why Senator Johnson and others felt it was necessary to bring this bill to the floor, and then work with Senator Johnson and all the rest of us who want to pass some kind of a bill to be sure that we do try to do something that does, in fact, help, that does not further hinder the Nebraska farmer. I know that Senator Johnson is anxious for that kind of support and is willing to accept it. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate. We are voting to cease debate. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, would you like to close on the Hoagland, Johnson, whatever, amendment?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me just make a couple of comments, Mr. Speaker, and I will be brief. Senator DeCamp is not a co-sponsor of this measure, so whatever his interpretation may be of what the bill does, whether it operates retroactively or prospectively, is not part of the legislative intent as I understand the way legislative intent is made. We have distributed a handout here, a rather lengthy handout, on the Attorney General's Opinion and the extent to which some of this bill may be retroactively applied, some of it may be prospectively applied. So I would like to disassociate myself and those of us who have worked out these amendments with Senator DeCamp's statements because they don't represent our intent or our view of what the amendments mean. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would ask the adoption of these amendments to the committee amendments.